

**From:** [Andrea Teague](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Delta Tunnel Financing  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:12:32 PM

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Dear Sirs,

On June 23,2020, the Santa Clara Valley Water District will be discussing the possibility of putting a funding measure on the November ballot. I believe the ballot in part is to raise funding for the Delta tunnel project.

With all the funding challenges for valley Water associated with dam repairs, and flood control, a bond measure that could finance a risky Delta tunnel project that still requires permitting, CEQA review, and a 23-year

Construction period—all for a diminishing water supply due to climate change—is problematic for ratepayers.

I know that Valley Water describes their first priority as:

Priority A: Ensure a Safe, Reliable Water Supply.

This is the exact language used by the Department of Water Resources to describe the Delta Tunnel Project.

I oppose ANY language or use of a potential bond fund to finance Delta tunnel planning.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Andrea Teague**

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Discovery Bay, Ca. 94505  
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**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:33:01 AM

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**From:** Gregg Wrisley <gwris@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Please do not place this funding measure on the ballot. I care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. You will have an uphill battle getting your funding measure approved with a lawsuit hanging over your heads. Please drop this bad idea immediately to prove you really do care about the environment.

Thank you,  
Gregg Wrisley

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Your misguided suit against the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:43:53 PM

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**From:** Richard Walker <[walker@berkeley.edu](mailto:walker@berkeley.edu)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 2:37 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Your misguided suit against the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan

To the Board of Valley Water:

What is god's name are you doing suing the State Water Board for protecting Tuolumne River flows? Not only is the Tuolumne an insignificant part of your water supply, you represent the South Bay's interest in water as part of our overall environment. You are acting directly against the interest of the vast majority of the people you serve and wasting their money in the process.

California's water supply and aquatic systems are going to be under more and more stress with climatic warming, as everyone now knows – except you, apparently – and there has to be a gradual reduction of diversions of riverine flows, especially economically and socially low-value irrigation, if our aquatic wildlife are not to disappear completely.

I grew up in the Santa Clara Valley and spent my career at Berkeley teaching and writing about California water. When I was young, environmentalism, river protection and water conservation were strange new ideas; now they are common sense in the Bay Area. Why don't you folks join the rest of us in the 21st century? Or are the ghosts of Herb Jones and Joe Ritter still hovering over your heads?

Sincerely,

Richard Walker  
Professor Emeritus of Geography  
University of California  
Berkeley 94720 ([my webpage](#))  
Latest book: [Pictures of a Gone City](#)

## Michele King

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**From:** Michelle Critchlow on behalf of Board of Directors  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** Michele King  
**Subject:** FW: Don't fund Delta Tunnel

For the board meeting.

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**From:** tbonejohnburk <tbonejohnburk@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Don't fund Delta Tunnel

I oppose ANY language or use of a potential bond fund to finance Delta tunnel planning.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Funding and HetchHetchy  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:33:11 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenn Fisher <[glennafisher@gmail.com](mailto:glennafisher@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:22 PM  
To: Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>  
Subject: Funding and HetchHetchy

Dear Valley Water,

I am a local resident and member of the Sierra Club. I care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. I was incredibly surprised when you sued Hetch Hetchy about water release. You have an uphill battle getting your funding measure approved with this lawsuit hanging over all our heads. Please drop it immediately to prove you really do care about the environment.

Sincerely,

Santa Clara County resident and voter,  
Glenn Fisher

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Delta Bay Water and Rivers  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:44:53 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Greer <[sj\\_greer@outlook.com](mailto:sj_greer@outlook.com)>  
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:29 PM  
To: Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>  
Subject: Delta Bay Water and Rivers

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of Santa Clara county and I am also a graduate student of Environmental Studies that cares deeply about the health of our beautiful California rivers and the Delta that is home to a priceless ecosystem. No amount of money or power can replace the natural benefits that the Delta Bay gives to us so I urge you to do everything in your power to protect it. The restoration of the Delta Bay is imperative to the health of the environment and it's countless number of species that need it to survive.

Sarah

## Michele King

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**From:** Michelle Critchlow on behalf of Board of Directors  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** Michele King  
**Subject:** FW: Delta Tunnel Finance

For the board meeting

-----Original Message-----

From: Judith Kirk <edina42@icloud.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:57 PM  
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
Subject: Delta Tunnel Finance

I oppose any use of a potential bond fund to finance Delta tunnel planning. I oppose the tunnel(s), absolutely. They are a grab by Big Ag, there is already a shortage of water due to climate change, and taking more water via the tunnel(s) will destroy the largest estuary on the Pacific Coast as well as San Francisco Bay.

Judith Kirk  
Redwood City, CA

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:33:42 AM

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**From:** Lesley Stansfield <lesleys460@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 10:42 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan

The Valley Water Board will be meeting on June 23 to consider going to the voters in November for more renewal funding for the misnamed "Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program" after deciding to sue the state when the BDWCP doesn't affect their water supply! Unfortunately I cannot be there to express my concerns.

Valley Water has been warned that alienating the environmental community would put future funding measures at risk. Your own polling has shown that environmental protection is of utmost importance to your constituents.

The Bay Delta Plan already has something to do with clean water? And how much is the lawsuit going to cost ratepayers, most of who care about the health of the Bay-Delta? I care deeply about the environment and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay Delta restored. I think you are going to have an uphill battle getting the measure approved with a lawsuit going on. Please consider dropping the lawsuit to prove you really do care about the environment.

Lesley Stansfield



**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: water quality trailer bill  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:45:42 PM

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**From:** reisra@aol.com <reisra@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** water quality trailer bill

Dear Board,

I care about the environment and would like to see Californias rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. Please drop your lawsuit to prove that you truly care about the environment.

Valley Water receiver,

Linda Reis

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: upcoming board measures  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:50:37 AM

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**From:** Julie Clark <jdclark999@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:08 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** upcoming board measures

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board,

I write because I'm alarmed about recent language in the bond measure set for November. It is not enough to talk around those tunnels. The Board needs to specifically identify that funds WILL NOT be used for the tunnels.

Also, I'd very much like for the Board to publicly reveal how the funding measure allows money from the General Fund to be used to fund tunnel expenditures.

Is that what Valley Water ratepayers want?

Does the Board think Valley Water ratepayers support an expense if the Valley Water District's operational plan allows tunnels and a lawsuit for more flows from the Delta?

Transparency is key here. My questions are fair.

The ratepaying public of the Santa Clara Valley Water District deserves answers and clarity.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Julie Clark MD

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 5:00:59 PM

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**From:** KYra Dear <kyradear@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 12:45 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:**

I care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored.

Valley Water has been warned that alienating the environmental community would put future funding measures at risk. Your own polling has shown that environmental protection is of utmost importance to your constituents.

Attempting to ask voters in November to renew funding for your ironically-named "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program" is futile. The Bay Delta Plan is about safe, clean water. And flood protection? From already vastly reduced waterways? And how much is your lawsuit to the state costing ratepayers, most of who care about the health of the Bay-Delta?

This should be dropped immediately to prove you really do care about the environment. The voters are informed and we will vote against any funding for the benefit of Valley Water over the environment.

Sincerely,

Kyra Rice  
Santa Clara County, CA resident and voter.

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:33:30 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Teksler <[lteksler@me.com](mailto:lteksler@me.com)>  
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:49 PM  
To: Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>  
Subject: Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan

Dear Valley Water Board of Directors,

I am dismayed that you have decided to sue the State based on their adoption of higher flows for our rivers in the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. These flows are important for safeguarding the health of our Bay Delta ecosystem. I hope you will reconsider your stance on this issue - environmental health should be a top priority in managing our water supply. It will always be a top priority for me in any funding measures you ask me to vote on.

Sincerely,  
Laura Teksler  
Los Altos

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Do not fund the Delta tunnels  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:50:46 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rea <realfre@aol.com>  
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:20 AM  
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
Subject: Do not fund the Delta tunnels

Firm up language so funding cannot be redirected later.  
Thank you,

Rea Freedom  
19760 Oakmont Dr  
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Pat Blevins](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** I care about the environment!! So should Valley Water (SCVWD)!  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 7:19:47 PM

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Shortly after the State Water Board adopted higher flows for the Tuolumne and other rivers through Phase 1 of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan, Valley Water (formerly Santa Clara Valley Water District) sued the State. Given the Plan doesn't affect the Water Districts' water supply and your constituents poll in high numbers in support of the environment, I don't understand what you are doing.

I care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. SCVWD will have an uphill battle getting any funding measure approved with a lawsuit hanging over your heads. SCVWD should drop this suit immediately to prove SCVWD really cares about the environment.

Patricia Blevins  
District 4

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please drop your lawsuit against  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 5:00:49 PM

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**From:** chris cocca <chris\_cocca@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Please drop your lawsuit against

Hello,

I hope you know I care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. We have enough water to increase water flows to the delta, and provide water to our citizens. If water is really so scarce that you need to sue, perhaps you might consider raising the price of water. After all, people will be more inclined to conserve if the prices were higher. We live in a semi-arid environment, and the water waste I see is staggering. Perhaps we should focus on conservation instead of suing the State Water Resources Control Board.

Pleas should drop your lawsuit immediately to prove you really do care about the environment. My family and friends are all interested in how you handle this.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Cocca  
Palo Alto,

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Delta tunnel funding  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:50:55 AM

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**From:** Sue Wallace <jaimexplorer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:30 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Delta tunnel funding

Hello,

I am so glad that you have decided to not waste money on the Delta tunnel plan. However, can you explicitly state that such funding will not be added later?

Thank you again for your decision.



**From:** [Christopher Hest](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 7:24:06 PM

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Hey good people:

Please drop the idea of suing for a different plan, and of putting a funding measure to voters. The Bay Delta Water Quality Plan does a superb job of balancing the competing interests of SO MANY JURISDICTION. Why would you, whose water supply is unaffected by the plan, object to it.

Please do the right thing. Don't try to make an end run around the Plan and soak the ratepayers for this bad idea.

CHRISTOPHER HEST

**Christopher Hest**

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**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Drop lawsuit against state  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 5:01:07 PM

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**From:** Erica Stanojevic <ericast@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 12:24 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Drop lawsuit against state

Please drop your lawsuit against the state regarding the higher water flows for the Tuolumne and other rivers. I care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored.

Be well,  
Erica Stanojevic  
Community member

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: No bond funds for Tunnel project  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:37:39 AM

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Another one

-----Original Message-----

From: John Kirk <elmogrot@icloud.com>  
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:33 AM  
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
Subject: No bond funds for Tunnel project

I urge you to exclude any money for the Delta Tunnel project from your proposed bond measure.

John Kirk

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Cordes](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Cc:** [James Eggers](#); [Katja Irvin](#)  
**Subject:** Please drop suit Phase 1 of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 7:44:46 PM

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I care deeply about our environment and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. Please drop your lawsuit against Phase 1 of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan vs the State of Ca. It is a waste of taxpayer funds on both ends that will make getting your funding measure 'Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.' approved this Nov an uphill battle by alienating the environmental community.

Sincerely,  
**John Cordes**  
District 3  
Care About Bicycling?  
[Please donate to help SVBC through these tough days.](#)

**From:** [Gary E. Sims](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 6:43:49 PM

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I may be wrong, but when I participated in the "Tuolumne River Flow Study" in 2016 it was understood that the determined minimum flow for the Tuolumne River was to be at least 150cfm full time. I have yet to see it consistent at that. Accepting that water is needed for irrigation, the water flow is also needed for the health of the river. Today looking at the flow at Lagrange it is only at 101cfm. What happened to what is supposed to be? Please be fair to both sides of the issue. Sincerely,  
Gary Sims.

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Water Bond Measure/Delta Tunnel  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:35:22 AM

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**From:** Robert Ransdell <bobr49@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:30 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Water Bond Measure/Delta Tunnel

Like many Californian's I am against the Delta Tunnel (proposed project) because it will destroy what's left of the Bay-Delta environment. That is why I am concerned that the language for the bond measure for the November ballot is too "squishy" so the funds can be moved around at a later date for tunnel planning. Make sure the tunnel is **explicitly** not included in this funding.

Also, I would like to know why the funding measure then allows for money to be freed up through the general fund for tunnel expenditures? Is this what Valley Water ratepayers want? Will Valley Water ratepayers support an expenditure if a tunnel and a lawsuit for more flows from the Delta is Valley Water District's operational plan?

Please delete any language in the bond measure that would allow/facilitate the building of the environmentally destructive Delta Tunnel.

Thanks for your time  
Robert Ransdell

**From:** [Richard Montgomery](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** funding meas. ; Tues  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:22:56 PM

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Dear Valley Water Board

I write to let you know I oppose your funding for your inaccurately named ``"Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program" . I ask that your opposition to the Bay Delta Plan, and your lawsuit against the state, and actually support the California environment.

I am a long time member of the Tuolumne River Preservation Trust, and Friends of the River and a resident of Santa Cruz,

-- sincerely

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Richard Montgomery  
Professor, Mathematics,  
UC Santa Cruz  
[rmont@ucsc.edu](mailto:rmont@ucsc.edu)

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on bond initiative  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:44:14 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Stroshane <spillwayguy@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:41 AM  
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
Subject: Comment on bond initiative

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors:

Please include language that explicitly excludes any delta conveyance or tunnel project from bond proceeds raised in the event that the proposed bond passes.

Thank you,

Tim Stroshane  
Policy Analyst  
Restore the Delta



**From:** [Kate Bauer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** Funding Measure  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:27:32 PM

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Dear Board Members,

Please drop your lawsuit against the State. As a ratepayer, I don't want my money spent fighting efforts to improve the health of the Bay-Delta and rivers. I cannot support any of your future funding measures if you persist in using funds on an inappropriate and environmentally hostile lawsuit.

Catherine Bauer  
Campbell, CA

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comments about Delta Tunnels planning language on the November ballot  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:01:36 PM

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**From:** Gene F <genef1000@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:53 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Comments about Delta Tunnels planning language on the November ballot

I am happy that your Valley Water bond measure on the November ballot will not include funding for the Delta Tunnels.

Please take care in writing the language of this water bond so the funds cannot be moved around at a later date for Delta Tunnel planning. Make sure the tunnel is EXPLICITLY excluded from funding at any time in the future. Squishy language would leave open the possibility of diverting some funding for Delta Tunnel planning.

I feel it is important to also disallow funding for Delta Tunnel expenditures from being freed up through the general fund for tunnel expenditures.

How will you accomplish this?

Is this what Valley Water ratepayers want?

Will Valley Water ratepayers support an expenditure if a tunnel and a lawsuit for more flows from the Delta is part of Valley Water District's operational plan?

I hope not. The Delta is struggling as it is. It is only June, and we are already seeing toxic algae blooms in Discovery Bay. This bodes poorly for the aquatic life in the Delta, and for the rest of the Delta for chain that feed on this aquatic life.

The phytoplankton (diatoms and other single-celled plants) that form the base of the aquatic food web are harmed by the toxic algae blooms.

ALSO, the benthic (bottom dwelling) invertebrate communities (crustaceans, worms, and bivalves in the Bay-Delta depend on oxygen and nutrients, and they are harmed by contaminants. The only way to reduce the contaminants is to increase the flushing of the Delta through the Bay.

The water feeding the Delta is not 'just a commodity'. It is the lifeblood of the whole fragile ecosystem.

Please EXPLICITLY exclude funding for the Delta Tunnel in the Valley Water bond which will be on this November's ballot.

Thank you.

Regards,

Gene Fuss  
[genef1000@gmail.com](mailto:genef1000@gmail.com)  
(209) 638-9088

**From:** [julianneasla@sonic.net](mailto:julianneasla@sonic.net)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program  
**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 11:58:44 AM

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*To the Valley Water Board,*

*I continue to be dismayed that you have not dropped your law suit against the State Water Board after it adopted higher flows for the Tuolumne and other rivers through Phase 1.*

*You are working against a group and a plan that was decades in the making and was the result of efforts by a broad range of concerned parties.*

*I am a concerned party. And if you continue to act against our best interests, I and others like me will work to defeat your request to renew funding for the "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program."*

*I care deeply about the environment, and the Valley Water board needs to work with the State Water Board to restore our rivers and the Delta, and not work to destroy them.*

*Sincerely*

*Julianne Frizzell  
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Palo Alto 94301*

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**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: No to the ballot initiative  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 1:21:15 PM

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**From:** Allan Berkowitz <allanleeb1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** No to the ballot initiative

Members of the Board,

I am a Santa Clara Valley resident and I care deeply about the environment. I support seeing California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. Your lawsuit against the state was ill-advised. And if you proceed with a ballot initiative in November, that too is ill-advised and costly.

You will have an uphill battle getting this funding measure approved with the lawsuit hanging over your heads. Please drop it immediately and show that you truly care about the environment.

Respectfully,  
Allan Beerkowitz  
San Jose, CA

**From:** [LIBBY HIGGS](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** Our environment  
**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 12:51:01 PM

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Dear Board Members,

I am very concerned about our environment. I believe if we don't take action immediately to protect our environment my grandchildren will not be able to enjoy the wonderful things I have enjoyed in my life.

The Tuolumne River and the Delta have been a part of my family's life for over 60 years. I urge you to take steps to ensure our California Rivers and the Bay-Delta are restored.

I hope that you will drop your lawsuit against the State. I believe you will have an uphill battle getting your funding measure approved with the lawsuit hanging over your heads. Please drop it immediately to prove to Californians that you really do care about our environment. Thank you,

Libby Higgs

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Valley Water Policy  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:42:19 PM

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**From:** Linda Johnson <cornblossom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Valley Water Policy

I and my fellow environmentally concerned voters would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. Valley Water is suing the State Water Board for adopting higher flows for the Tuolumne and other rivers ? At what cost? You will likely meet resistance to renewed funding for the so-called "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program. Please resist placing the funding measure on the November ballot and/or drop the lawsuit.

Thank you.

Linda Johnson

Santa Clara Valley Resident

**From:** [agroecology@aol.com](mailto:agroecology@aol.com)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** comment for Tues night board meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 4:03:23 PM

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To: Valley Water District of Santa Clara Valley

In considering a funding measure to be put on the ballot the honorable thing to do is to include the water conveyance project known as the megatunnel.

The megatunnel has tremendous impact on the future of California water supplies and the health of the San Francisco Bay and Delta. Some projects are practical and environmentally sound...on the other hand some projects the public feels have adverse effects on the Bay and Delta and the future of Santa Clara Valley and California water supplies.

Please do the honorable thing and include the megatunnel if there is going to be a ballot measure. It is borderline shell game with the taxpayers money to keep the megatunnel off the ballot.

ps it is very surprising the Valley Water District is suing the State Water Board as it attempts to protect future water supplies. The State Water Board needs your support not your opposition.

Les and Susan Kishler

**50 year residents and taxpayers Valley Water District**



**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Drop the Lawsuit  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:42:31 PM

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**From:** Bill Hilton <billhilton43@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Drop the Lawsuit

Gentle People

I urge you to drop the lawsuit opposing the Bay-Delta Plan. It is directed to clean water in the Bay and Delta. If you care about clean water, as you profess, you must stop opposing clean, healthy water environments in the most precious resource we have in the South Bay—San Francisco Bay. Moreover, the Bay-Delta Plan does not impact the sources of water within Valley Water operation. So please stop wasting my money—as a taxpayer in Santa Clara County and rate payer to a purchaser of Valley Water. Should you not stop the lawsuit, I and many of my fellow citizens will not vote to fund Valley Water's "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, for we are in favor of hypocrisy.

Sincerely

*Bill Hilton*  
*Sunnyvale*



**From:** [Dean Genes](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** No "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program" please.  
**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 4:12:12 PM

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Even if I'm partially wrong, it will be hard to convince me or other interested people that the "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program" does what its name implies or improves on the Bay Delta Plan. I drive the delta almost every weekend, and it means a lot to me that people work towards its health and restoration. Have you seen the U.S. Army Corps model of the San Francisco Bay? I hope you won't press this issue. It seems likely to lead to a lawsuit.

Thank you for considering my comments.  
Dean M Genes

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Valley Water PR and the Bay Delta Plan  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:42:48 PM

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**From:** Cheryl Weiden <weidenc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Valley Water PR and the Bay Delta Plan

Dear Board Members:

My husband and I have enjoyed a number of educational activities of Valley Water, especially the tour of the Purified Water demonstration plant in San Jose. I have also watched a zoom webinar about the efforts of Valley Water and taken the survey. I am disappointed, however, that the latter seemed to be a public relations gesture to disguise activities that we actually oppose. The webinar was quite lovely, and we support all the priorities in the survey. However, upon understanding the intent I find these efforts quite disturbing.

We are not at all happy with two activities of Valley Water:

- The suit against the State against the higher flows called for in the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan.
- Your support of Governor Newsom's single Delta Tunnel...formerly "Water Fix."

Please know that we are environmentalists who want to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored, not decimated. We and environmental groups to which we belong will fight efforts on both issues. I understand that you are considering placing a funding measure on the ballot for a "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program." This funding measure will face an uphill battle if Valley Water is viewed as anti-environmental.

Please drop the lawsuit and pull funding from the tunnel.

Cheryl & Don Weiden  
Los Altos, California



**From:** [Susan Ford](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** Water conservation and misuse of funds  
**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 6:03:13 PM

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As a very finite resource, Water and the environment around it needs protection.

Your frivolous suit against managing water flows is not only a waste of financial resources, but wastes time in implementing a good plan.

And why waste time and money to put any water measure on the ballot? Everyone needs to conserve water supplies everywhere. So what are you trying to gain with this delay tactic? The average voter cannot really understand all the implications of these complex plans. Putting this on the ballot only opens up spending more special interest monies to get a worse outcome for all.

Save the angst! Save the water plan as it is after much negotiation. Don't get the whole world of voters riled up again!

Thanks for being reasonable, not narrow minded and self focused.

**Susan A. Ford**  
Member of Audubon Society, GGNP, and Sierra Club

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Funding measure  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:43:14 PM

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**From:** julie mckee <jhmckee021849@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Funding measure

California and the Bay Delta need water.

Please look for long term solutions like Israel, which has always solved water problems, sometimes well. Sometimes not! LEARN!!

Julie Mckee

Janesville, California

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Gary Bailey](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** request  
**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 6:27:54 PM

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Valley Water:

Stop using our money to sue to damage the bay, the delta, and aquatic life, and do not use our money to support sending more water south with or without tunnels. Environmental organizations and sensible people will not support any ballot measures or board member re-elections if you are going to use our money so irresponsibly.

Gary Bailey

Sunnyvale 94087

June 19, 2020

Via e-mail: [Board@valleywater.org](mailto:Board@valleywater.org)

Honorable Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
San Jose, California

**RE: SCVWD Agenda for June 23, 2020, Items 2.8 and 5.2**

Dear Madam Chair and Board Directors:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input on several items on the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water's) June 23 agenda, items 2.8 and 5.2. These items relate to core issues that have been controversial in California water—funding for questionable water projects and water sourcing from the Delta. Item 2.8, replacing the Safe, Clean Water program, is a ballot measure that would levy a special tax to fund water projects for an unlimited time (replacing a measure that was to expire in 2028). Item 5.2 deals with assumption and conversion of a CVP contract that would provide Valley Water rights to a number of acre-feet of imported Delta water from an agricultural district for an unlimited time.

Item 2.8 features a ballot measure that appears overbroad as to discretion regarding yet-to-be-determined projects and the unlimited length of time the measure's provisions would remain valid. Item 2.8 would extend the ability to levy property taxes (currently the Safe Clean Water program) through a ballot measure whose provisions "would remain active until ended by voters." (The difficulty of obtaining sufficient voter approval to end such a measure in the future is not discussed.) This longevity is made more problematic by the Board's ability to propose funding new projects that are not currently identified. ("As projects under the Program are completed, the Board...shall *identify* and *prioritize* new projects for inclusion in the Program." Italics added.) Despite the fact that staff has, in this agenda, only identified projects that would be completed by 2028, and is only proposing 15-year budget cycles, this measure would continue the tax indefinitely.

Item 5.2 would increase the amount of Delta water that Valley Water receives through the CVP under WIIN Act (Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation) provisions, which would expand Valley Water's claims to CVP Delta water. This is not a sustainable strategy. As the League of Women Voters of California (League) has pointed out (see the attached April 16, 2020 letter included in this e-mail), "at least five acre-feet of consumptive water rights have been granted for every acre-foot of unimpaired flow in the Sacramento and San Joaquin river basins." As the League's letter also notes, protecting existing supplies consistent with existing water rights is not a sustainable strategy. As the League notes further, "[t]his is especially true with the recent granting of permanent water rights under the WIIN Act ..., potentially extending demand claims."

Both items 2.8 and 5.2 should be set aside for further public comment and input, including but not limited to consideration of the FM3 surveys and review of public engagement efforts.

Thank you for consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

Meg Giberson  
Co-President LWV Southwest Santa Clara Valley  
Director Natural Resources, LWV SWSCV  
LWVC Water Committee





April 16, 2020

VIA email to [DeltaConveyanceScoping@water.ca.gov](mailto:DeltaConveyanceScoping@water.ca.gov)

Renee Rodriguez  
Department of Water Resources  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236

**RE: Comments on NOP/Scoping for the Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project**

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

The League of Women Voters of California appreciates the opportunity to comment on the most recent plans being undertaken for Delta water conveyance. We would like to associate our comments with those of the April 14, 2020, NOP comment letter submitted by AquAlliance et alia.

The League has long-standing policies supporting nonstructural alternatives for water supply in this state. We have commented in the past on the BDCP and WaterFix plans for moving Sacramento River water under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to the state and federal water project export pumps at Tracy. In the League's October 30, 2015, comment letter on the RDEIR/SDEIS for BDCP/WaterFix (included by reference as if set forth herein), we identified serious policy and legal problems that precluded League support for that project. Despite the substitution of a single tunnel for two tunnels, we still see many problems with the tunnel conveyance project, including, but not limited to, those that follow.

We do not see that realistic limits have been placed on the amount of water to be exported, as the state has approved at least five acre-feet of consumptive water rights claims for every acre-foot of unimpaired flow in the Sacramento and San Joaquin river basins. Under these circumstances, protecting existing supplies consistent with existing water rights is not a sustainable strategy. This is especially true with the recent granting of permanent water rights under the WIIN Act (Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation), potentially extending demand claims.

We do not see that strategies such as water conservation and wastewater reclamation have been employed to the fullest extent possible by export users to minimize reliance on the Delta, as required by the Delta Reform Act.

Renee Rodriguez  
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April 16, 2020

We do not see that high water quality standards will be protected in the Delta and the estuary, or that strong, binding environmental safeguards will protect all in-stream uses. Of growing concern are the health impacts, especially on low- or fixed-income water users, of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) caused by inadequate flows of freshwater through the Delta and the estuary.

We do not see that the full economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits of the project have been fully assessed regarding areas of water origin. It is significant that no public hearings have been scheduled north of the Delta in the Trinity and Klamath watersheds on which the Central Valley Project (CVP), which is identified in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) as a potential beneficiary, relies. For the Sacramento River watershed, a scoping meeting was added in Redding only in response to public pressure. Even in areas where the Stakeholder Engagement Committee is actually being asked to engage, actions like predetermination of Delta tunnel intake locations—and assumption of the inevitability of a tunnel conveyance—inappropriately deprive the committee of meaningful input.

The League of Women Voters of California has not seen any good-faith effort on the part of those promoting Delta Conveyance to consider alternatives to tunnel conveyance for meeting the state's 21<sup>st</sup> century water challenges. In a world being transformed by climate change, we look forward to the day when California water management planning will reflect a true commitment to sustainable, regional projects that recognize the actual amount and timing of water available for all public uses. We will monitor the scoping process and subsequent documents to verify that California is on that course.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" being the most prominent.

Carol Moon Goldberg  
President

**From:** [Larry Thompson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program:  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:10:13 AM

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Dear Board:

**Re: Funding measure on the ballot**

As someone very concerned about the role our water ecosystem plays in environmental health, I would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. I think you will have difficulty getting this funding measure approved in the face of a potential lawsuit. Therefore, you should abandon this idea in favor of doing what is right for our natural environment.

Thank you,  
Lawrence Thompson  
1069 Felicia Court  
Mountain View, CA

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support the State Water Board adopted higher flows for the Tuolumne and other CA rivers  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:45:19 PM

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**From:** Robert Colley <amorfati2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 2:17 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Support the State Water Board adopted higher flows for the Tuolumne and other CA rivers

Dear sir or madam,

I care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. I expect that you will have an uphill battle getting proposed funding for your proposed "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program" measure approved, with the lawsuit against the State of California's Phase 1 of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan hanging over you heads. I strongly believe Valley Water should immediately drop it's lawsuit to prove that your organization does really care about the environment.

**From:** [Tom Carlino](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan lawsuit  
**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 9:09:34 PM

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I recently learned of a lawsuit initiated by Valley Water against the State about Phase 1 of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The lawsuit makes no sense since the Plan doesn't affect the Valley Water water supply.

I also learned that Valley Water is considering placing a funding measure on the November ballot for renewal of the Safe, Clean water and Natural Flood Protection Program. The pending lawsuit will undoubtedly work against approval of the funding measure. I care about the environment and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay Delta restored. Valley Water should drop the lawsuit immediately to prove that you really do care about the environment.

Tom Carlino

San Jose

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Restore the rivers and Delta!  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:45:29 PM

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**From:** Marianna Grossman <marianna.grossman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 1:49 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Restore the rivers and Delta!

Dear Members of the Board of Valley Water:

As a long time Santa Clara Valley resident and business owner I implore you to work to protect the Delta, not drain it. I care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. You will have an uphill battle getting your funding measure approved with the lawsuit hanging over your heads. Please drop the lawsuit immediately. We need our precious resources invested in restoring our environment, not enriching lawyers and delaying true environmental progress.

Best regards,  
Marianna

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Marianna Grossman  
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**From:** [Clerk of the Board](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: SCVWD Agenda Comment Form  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:58:29 AM

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**From:** system-generated@valleywater.org <system-generated@valleywater.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board <clerkoftheboard@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** SCVWD Agenda Comment Form

Submitted on Mon, 06/22/2020 - 10:52 AM

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2.8

**I would like to**

Express Opposition

**Comment Form**

I was unsatisfied with your many community surveys and the wording/content of the tasks for the proposed renewal of SCW. District has no land use authority. Cities and County must stop development in floodplains and converting open space to impermeable surfaces, forcing District to fund flood protection infrastructure. District must develop clear and easily-used tools to show residents who has management responsibility for a channel, how to report and track

stream management work, and different rules for engineered versus natural channels.

District cannot solve the homeless situation from the bottom up by spending more and more money.

District is unable to deliver projects because of the regulatory agencies and perhaps your relationships with them.

District should continually review clarity of KPIs and definition of tasks to make them more meaningful to the public.



**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: I vote for the environment -- please drop the lawsuit  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:46:03 PM

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**From:** Trish Rowe <[trowe@earthlink.net](mailto:trowe@earthlink.net)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** I vote for the environment -- please drop the lawsuit

Dear Valley Water Board Members,

I write to you strongly recommending that you *not* go to the voters in November to renew funding for the “Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.” The Bay Delta Plan has everything to do with clean water, which ironically you opted to sue the State Water Board over when it adopted the critically needed Bay Delta Water Quality Plan. Your move costs ratepayers, most of whom care about the health of the Bay-Delta.

Alienating the environmental community would put future funding measures at risk — your own polling has shown that environmental protection is of utmost importance to your constituents.

I care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California’s rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. You will have an uphill battle getting funding for your measure with the lawsuit hanging over your (our) heads. Please drop it immediately to demonstrate you really do care about the environment.

Respectfully,  
Patricia Rowe



June 22, 2020

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## Board Members

### Valley Water

5750 Almaden Expressway

San Jose, CA 95118

*Via Email*

## Re: Item 2.8 (June 23, 2020) – the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

Dear Valley Water Board Members:

I encourage caution in moving forward with a ballot measure to renew the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program. Valley Water's relationship with the environmental community is at its lowest point in a generation, and without support from this critical constituency, a funding measure would be unlikely to pass. It would be unwise to spend ratepayer money on an endeavor that will likely face strong opposition.

Your recent public relations efforts should not give you false hope. After all, no one is opposed to a clean, reliable water supply and flood protection. The question voters will face is whether renewal of the parcel tax is necessary at this time, and if the funds will be spent wisely and equitably. Valley Water's recent environmental track record will certainly be called into question.

Before making a decision on whether or not to proceed with a ballot measure, Valley Water should commission a professional survey to assess messaging that will likely occur during a campaign. You should poll for both strengths and weaknesses. I would suggest the following examples of informative questions.

- 1) "If you learned that environmental organizations opposed a funding measure, would you be more or less likely to support it?"
- 2) "If you learned that Valley Water spends a portion of ratepayer money on lawsuits challenging environmental measures – such as the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan and mitigation for the Lower Berryessa Creek project – would you be more or less likely to support a funding measure?"
- 3) "If you learned that the current parcel tax does not expire until 2028, would you be more or less likely to support renewal at this time?"

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- 4) *For North County residents (especially those who receive Hetch Hetchy water):* "If you learned that the majority of funding would be used for projects and water supply in San Jose and South County, would you be more or less likely to support renewal of the parcel tax?"

I also encourage you to schedule a roundtable with environmental leaders as soon as possible to discuss their potential support or opposition to the funding measure. Polling has shown that Santa Clara County voters have a strong environmental ethic, so gaining support from the environmental community will be imperative to your success.

I know it's tempting to place a measure on a presidential election ballot when progressive voters tend to turn out in larger numbers. However, it's important to remember that progressive voters are overwhelmingly pro-environment.

Thank you for considering these comments. I'd be happy to discuss my concerns further if there's interest.

Sincerely,



Peter Dreke-meier  
Policy Director

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:46:21 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tom <t.c.patterson@comcast.net>  
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 1:46 PM  
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
Subject: Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

I am writing to let you know that in November I will not vote for the renewal of funding for the subject program, if it is on the ballot, unless the Valley Water Board drops its lawsuit against the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. I care deeply about the environment and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored.

Please drop the lawsuit.

Thomas Patterson  
318 Leland Ave.  
Palo Alto, CA 94306

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 1:40:53 PM

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**From:** Ross S. Heitkamp <ross@stevenscreek.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 12:29 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan

Dear Board,

I am troubled to learn that Valley Water has sued to interfere in the passage of meaningful water protections for the delta and San Francisco Bay, especially when the plan has nothing to do with our own water supply. Why? My disappointment comes from realizing that I must have a flawed belief that Valley Water has turned a corner to become custodians of these foundations of our environment and would no longer be treating our creeks and rivers as some sort of enemy to be tightly controlled, manipulated and kept out of sight.

Realizing this, I am not sure how I could ever vote to renew funding for your deceptively named "Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program" again. Instead I feel I should be working to wrest control of our creeks away from you and into the hands of an entity that puts their health first. If you were to reconsider by dropping the lawsuit, I, too, would reconsider my opinion.

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Ross Heitkamp  
2044 Carol Avenue  
Mountain View, CA 94040      650-967-1345

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: I care about the fish and the environment!  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:46:39 PM

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**From:** Toni Kiely <[kielykids@gmail.com](mailto:kielykids@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 1:33 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** I care about the fish and the environment!

I'm a lifelong resident of San Francisco. My father was also born here. He used to talk about the shrimp and fish that used to abound in the BAY. The dolphins he'd see when he worked on tug boats as a young man. I also grew up hearing water problems and water theft - the legal kind. Our Northern California water being sent to Southern California and farms along the way. I've seen farms in the SJ Valley using huge rain bird sprinklers on 100 degree, windy days. What a waste of water! Half of it evaporates before it even hits the ground! Why are they allowed to waste a valuable common resource (it belongs to ALL OF US) while many of us are not flushing our toilets?

We in the Bay Area care a LOT about the environment and the animals that depend on our rivers. We WANT see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. We WANT to see the salmon runs restored, and the animals and fishermen who depend on them regain their food and livelihoods. And we HAVE shown through water conservation that we're willing to walk the talk.

Please do everything you can to ensure larger flows in our rivers. This will help mitigate the ever increasing environmental damage done to the Bay Delta.

You might also consider dropping the lawsuit you've started against the State. Pending lawsuits have a way of getting in the way of measure approvals...

Sincerely,  
LaVive Kiely

**From:** [Dave Ramsey](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** Ballot funding measure  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 1:46:48 PM

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I am very concerned about the plan by Valley Water to sue the State Water Board over the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. This will risk alienating the environmental community (that's me!), and could jeopardize any future of any funding measures the district might need in the future. I think you know that your own polling has shown that environmental protection is of utmost importance to the public.

I would be unwise to place the funding bill on the November ballot. Instead, make a commitment to to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored.

Dave Ramsey

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Restore California's rivers and the Bay-Delta  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:46:54 PM

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**From:** Patricia Becker <patriciajoybecker@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Restore California's rivers and the Bay-Delta

Dear Valley Water Board Members,

There is no cause for a funding measure on the ballot.  
Please drop it immediately to prove you really do care  
about the environment.

We care deeply about the environment, and would like to  
see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. We  
certainly hope you do too.

You will have an uphill battle getting their funding  
measure approved with the lawsuit hanging over your  
heads.

Patricia and Craig Burns  
10 Big Tree  
Woodside CA 94062



**From:** [leewaysf](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** Environmentalist that cares about clean water and seeing CA rivers and bay delta restored.  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 2:27:13 PM

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Thank you,

Lee Rudin  
DALY CITY, CA

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Environmental Support  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 5:12:29 PM

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**From:** Scott Shotgun <[scottmichaelshotgun@gmail.com](mailto:scottmichaelshotgun@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 5:12 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Environmental Support

Hello Board,

I know you are good people trying to do good by your businesses and community. However, I'm writing to express my concern with the "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program". To be honest, that name alone sounds a lot like it explains what the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan is about. I'm writing as a concern citizen who cares about rivers, especially the Tuolumne, and their vast environmental implications.

Please drop your lawsuit against the State regarding the Bay Delta plan, and please stop word-smithing the names of special interest programs to try and facade them as environmental advocacy. It's manipulative toward your voting contingency who actually does support environmental progress, and it's not right.

Thank you for reading this note. All the best.

Enjoy!  
Scott

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ratepayer Observations  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:23:37 PM

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**From:** Andrea Teague <[andreateague@teaguecustommarine.com](mailto:andreateague@teaguecustommarine.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Ratepayer Observations

Dear Sirs,

I oppose ANY language or use of a potential bond to finance delta tunnel planning.

I would like to share two observations:

1. The language for the bond measure cannot be squishy, so that the funds can be moved around at a later date for tunnel planning. Make sure the tunnel is not included in this funding explicitly.
2. The board needs to explain how the funding measure then allows for money to be freed up through the general fund for tunnel expenditures. Is this what Valley Water ratepayers want? Will Valley Water ratepayers support an expenditure if a tunnel and a lawsuit for more flows from the Delta is Valley Water District's operational plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

**Andrea Teague**

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**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Don't put your funding measure on the ballot  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:30:22 AM

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**From:** Jean Roth <jean.roth@stanfordalumni.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Don't put your funding measure on the ballot

Dear Water Board,

I care about the restoration of the Rivers and the Bay-Delta, and this funding measure you are considering would not further that goal. Please do not put it on the ballot in November.

Sincerely, Jean Roth

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: California's rivers and the Bay-Delta Must Be Restored  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:37:50 PM

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**From:** Maria Lobo <maria@664gilman.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:25 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Cc:** William Reller <wereller@664gilman.com>  
**Subject:** California's rivers and the Bay-Delta Must Be Restored

Attn: The Valley Water Board

In light of your meeting scheduled for tomorrow, we wish to voice our concerns.  
As lifelong residents of California, we care deeply about the environment.  
Your own polling has shown that environmental protection is of utmost importance to your constituents.  
We would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored.  
You will have an uphill battle getting your funding measure approved with an impending lawsuit.  
Prove that you really care about our precious environment by dropping the lawsuit immediately.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

William Reller

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Funding measure scheduled for discussion on June 23  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:30:33 AM

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From: woody <bronco60@comcast.net>  
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 10:59 AM  
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
Subject: Funding measure scheduled for discussion on June 23

Dear Board Members,

Your proposed ballot initiative, “Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program”, is spurious, and disingenuously titled when you file suit against the State Water Board for providing precisely that protection to the Delta.

You cannot expect ratepayers to support funding measures that not only harm the environment but waste their money in the process.

Please come to your senses.

Respectfully,  
Woody Nedom  
Los Gatos

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: water to benefit the environment  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:38:06 PM

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From: Nancy Arbuckle <[crockerbuckle@mindspring.com](mailto:crockerbuckle@mindspring.com)>  
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:33 PM  
To: Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>  
Subject: water to benefit the environment

Board Members:

We ratepayers do not want the water we carefully conserve and the recycled water we willingly drink be used by you to enable more development. We conserve, we drink recycled water, because we want to benefit and protect the environment. Your own research and local polling bear this out.

Why then, would you sue the State Water Board over the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, knowing as you do, that you need the support of the environmental community? You put at risk our support for future projects and funding that you need voters to approve.

Like most Californians, I would like to see our rivers and the Bay-Delta be restored. Drop your lawsuit and show us that your goals are our goals.

Thank you.

Nancy Arbuckle

**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support California's Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:30:47 AM

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**From:** Denise Louie <denise\_louie\_sf@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** Support California's Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan

Hi Valley Water Board Members,  
My family and I urge you support the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan by dropping your support for the lawsuit against it.

Our reasons are many, including the following.

1. The SFPUC has been disseminating false and misleading information.
2. The Tuolumne River Trust has presented a plan to increase unimpaired flows from headwaters to the SF Bay for only two years or so. SFPUC response is stalled.
3. The SFPUC and water districts have known about declining environmental conditions for decades and have done little or nothing to stop the decline.
4. Scientists explained during the drafting of the Plan that species are at risk of extinction and entire ecosystems are at risk of collapse due to inadequate instream flows of cool, fresh water.
5. The Plan had already been vetted over the 10 years it took to draft it.
6. It is our moral and ethical responsibility to steward land and water. San Francisco Bay is named for St. Francis, patron saint of ecology. The public is pro-environment.
7. It is unconscionable for us to not increase unimpaired flows while we have brought iconic species like Delta smelt and salmon to the brink of extinction and while we continue flushing drinking-quality water down our toilets and exporting virtual water via thirsty crops.
8. In my household, daily freshwater use per person is 14 gallons. Greywater goes to landscaping. We want our savings to go to the fish.
9. All living systems are interconnected. Tearing away at our connections with species other than our own hurts us.

For these reasons, my family and I urge you to drop your support for the lawsuit against the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

Thank you,  
Denise Louie  
Member, Center for Biological Diversity

*All species lives matter.*





**From:** [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)  
**To:** [Michele King](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Funding Measures  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:38:34 PM

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**From:** Martin Gothberg <martin.gothberg@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:35 PM

**To:** Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>

**Subject:** Funding Measures

Dear Members of the Board,

I care deeply about the environment and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. I hear you are considering going to the voters in November to renew funding for your "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program". Please note that many who feel the same way I do means an uphill battle for you given your lack of support for the Bay Delta Plan and the legal action taken. How much is the lawsuit costing ratepayers, most of whom care about the health of the Bay-Delta? I am one of many who will not support funding measures until you have the courage to drop your pointless litigation and show support for the broader environment you claim to possess.

Sincerely,

Martin Gothberg  
Santa Clara, CA